


*The By-Laws, Constitutions
and Ordinances, for the Manage-
ment and better Government of
the Affairs of the Corporation,
of the President and Governors
of the Hospital, founded at
the sole Costs and Charges of
Thomas Guy, Esq;*

I.  H A T the Custody of the Seal of this Corporation, be always in the President or Treasurer for the time being, and two such Members of the Court of Committees for the time being, as that Court shall from time to time for that purpose, nominate and appoint; and that the Seal be kept in an Iron Chest under three different Locks, to each of which there shall be one Key only; and each of them the said President or Treasurer, and the said two Members of the Court of Committees, shall have one of the said Keys.

II. That the Election of a President, Treasurer, and Members of Courts of Committees of this Corporation, be from this time constantly by Ballott.

III. That

III. That upon the annual election of Committees, each Member or Governor of this Corporation then present, shall give in the Names of twenty-one Members or Governors, whereof seven at the least, shall not have been Members of the Court of Committees for the Year then next preceding: And if any List shall not contain twenty-one such Names, or shall contain more than twenty-one such Names, then such List shall not be accounted or taken as a List or Vote for such Election.

IV. That all future elections of Officers of this House by the General-Court, and all nominations of Clerks to Livings, where there are two or more Candidates, be by one General Ballot; and that such Candidate as has the majority on such Ballot, be declared duly elected; and that all Questions relating to such election be likewise determined by Ballot, if desired by any one Governor.

V. That no Lands, or other real Estate, either of Inheritance or for Lives, or any terms of Years, which have been or shall be hereafter purchased by, or come to this Corporation, shall be sold, aliened, or exchanged, without

without the Consent of a General-Court first had and obtained for such Sale, Alienation, or Exchange ; but this Restraining is not to extend to Leases at Will, nor to any Leases that shall be made for any term of Years not exceeding Sixty-one Years, to be computed from the time of making thereof ; nor to Leases for Lives, or any number of years determinable on Lives, as to such Estates, which have been or shall be so leased before the Purchase thereof by this Corporation ; nor to exchanges of any Lands for Lands of other Persons lying intermixed with the Estates of this Corporation.

VI. That there shall be at all times hereafter, four standing Auditors, to be chosen and appointed by a General Court, for the examining and stating the Accounts of this Corporation, and four others annually added to them ; which four additional Auditors shall be chosen by Ballot, at and by the annual General Court, to be holden according to the Act of Parliament erecting this Corporation, for the choice of Members of the Court of Committees ; and that two, at the least, of such additional Auditors, shall be Members
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of the Court of Committees for the current Year.

VII. That the General Audit shall be yearly, on the twenty-fifth Day of *March*, or within thirty Days after.

VIII. That the Committees for taking Patients into this Hospital, and for buying and examining the Provisions for the House, shall once in every four Months, visit the several Wards and Lunatick House, part of, or belonging to the Hospital, and view the several Patients therein; and the Physicians, Surgeons, Steward, Apothecary, and Matron, shall attend the said Committee on such Visitations; and the said Committee shall at such times, at their discretion, give directions to the Steward; to remove and discharge all such Patients as they shall find to be cured; and also all such Patients, (Lunatics only excepted) as are found not to be capable of relief by Physick or Surgery, according to the Intent and Meaning of the last Will of *Thomas Guy*, Esq; sole Founder of this Hospital; which said Orders the Steward for the Time being shall obey, and remove and discharge such Patients, according to the directions of such Committee.